

Listing of the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

1-28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) A method of treating fibromyalgia syndrome or pain associated therewith comprising administering milnacipran, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in ~~an initial~~ a first dosage amount of up to 100 mg per day for a first period of time, administering a second dosage amount of about 1.5 to 2.5 times greater than the first dosage amount for a second period of time, administering a third dosage amount about 1.5 to 2.5 times greater than the second dosage amount for a third period of time, and administering a fourth dosage amount about 1.5 to 2.5 times greater than the third dosage amount for a fourth period of time.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the second dosage amount is 2 times greater than the first dosage amount.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the third dosage amount is 2 times greater than the second dosage amount.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the fourth dosage amount is 2 times greater than the third dosage amount.

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the milnacipran, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, is administered twice a day.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the time periods for each administration are 3 days

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the time periods for each administration are greater than 3 days.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the time periods for each administration are between 2 and 12 weeks.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the second dosage amount is 2 times greater than the first dosage amount, the third dosage amount is 2 times greater than the second dosage amount and the fourth dosage amount is 2 times greater than the third dosage amount.

38. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the first dosage amount is about 25 mg, the second dosage amount is about 50 mg, the third dosage amount is about 100 mg and the fourth dosage amount is about 200 mg.

39. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein the first dosage amount is administered as a dose of about 12.5 mg twice a day, the second dosage amount is administered as a dose of about 25 mg twice a day, the third dosage amount is administered as a dose of about 50 mg twice a day and the fourth dosage amount is administered as a dose of about 100 mg twice a day.

40. (New) A method of treating fibromyalgia syndrome or pain associated therewith consisting essentially of administering milnacipran, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein said milnacipran, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, is administered in a dosage escalation comprising

a first dosage amount of up to 100 mg per day for a first period of time,

a second dosage amount of about 1.5 to 2.5 times greater than the first dosage amount for a second period of time,

a third dosage amount about 1.5 to 2.5 times greater than the second dosage amount for a third period of time, and

a fourth dosage amount about 1.5 to 2.5 times greater than the third dosage amount for a fourth period of time.